

## FOR THE FOUR SEASONS.

A child stocked,  
A barn well stocked,  
A seat by the fire,  
Such is my winter night's desire.

A budding tree,  
A laden tree,  
A field fresh spring;  
These do I wish when Spring is young.

A neighbor steed,  
A rein at need,  
A neighbor true;  
Let these be mine when Summer is new.

A harvest of joy,  
A noble boy,  
Good wife at my side;  
What better than these at Autumn tide.

Rev. Samuel W. Duffield.

## After Dinner.

The verdict of an Illinois colored jury  
That the deceased came to his death by  
drowning and was afterwards washed ashore  
and found to be dead.

A telegraph messenger boy got his dis-  
patches mixed the other day, and handed a  
jockey a telegram which read: "Can  
you supply our pulp mill Sunday?" And  
to a well-known clergyman a dispatch  
which read: "The race is postponed till  
Monday. Can't you come down and spend  
Sunday?"

A colored preacher, in translating to his  
hearers the sentence, "The harvest is past,  
the summer is ended, and we are not saved,"  
put it: "De corn has been cribbed, der  
win't no more work, and de debil is still  
foolin' wid dis community."

"Grandma, why don't you keep a ser-  
vant any longer?" "Well, you see my  
child, I'm getting old now, and can't take  
care of one, as I used to do, you know."

"My dear, do you know for what we  
call our boy Hans?" "Do not, really?"  
"Well, I tell you, Der reason dat we  
call our boy Hans, dat is his name."

"On a very pretty girl's saying to Leigh  
Hunt, 'I am very sad, you see,' he replied,  
"Oh, no, you belong to the other Jewish  
sect—you are very fair, I see."

"What is the difference between a plan  
of a battle field and a roasted pippin?"  
One is a war-map and the other is a warm  
apple.

A lady promised to give her maid \$25  
as a marriage portion. "Why, Mary,  
what a little husband you have got!"  
"Dear me! What could you expect for  
\$25?"

At a Columbus hotel, a short time since,  
a girl inquired of a gentleman if his cup  
was out. "No, but my coffee is," said he.  
The poor girl went away considerably con-  
fused, but determined to pay him in his  
own coin. While at dinner the stage drove  
up, and several persons coming in the  
gentleman asked, "Does the stage dine  
here?" "No, sir," replied the girl, "but  
the passengers do."

Two neighbors had a long and envenomed  
litigation about a spring, which they  
both claimed. The judge, wearied out  
with the case, at last said: "What is the  
use of making such fuss about a little water?"  
"Your honor will see the use of it," re-  
plied one of the lawyers, "when I inform  
you that the parties are both milkmen!"

## Housewifery.

**LOAF CAKE.**  
One pint milk, three eggs, six ounces  
butter, one pound sugar, one pound raisins,  
one cup sponge. Knead over night, let  
stand after putting in pans in the morning  
till light and then bake.

**MUFFINS.**  
One quart milk, one half cup of butter,  
salt, four eggs, one cup yeast, stir quite  
stiff; many omit the butter.

**FLUM FLEDDING.**  
One half pound sugar, one half pound  
beef suet chopped fine, one half pound  
bread crumbs, one half pound currants,  
one half pound raisins, one quarter pound  
citron, one quarter pound candied lemon  
peel, six eggs, one nutmeg, pinch of  
ground cloves, teaspoon cinnamon, one  
teaspoon milk. The candied peel can be  
omitted, and the grated used instead.  
Boil five or six hours.

**GRAHAM CAKE.**  
One cup sugar, two cups flour, one cup  
suet milk, butter size of an egg, two eggs  
soda and cream tartar.

**EXTREME AN ILLUSTRATION.**—Two  
friends are in a canoe in the Mozambique  
channel. A sudden squall of wind upsets  
the boat. Before they right her she fills  
with water, and sinks; and the two men  
are swimming for their lives. "Ah well,"  
says one of them to the other, "it is a  
long pull to this shore, but the water is  
warm, and we are strong. We will hold  
by each other, and all will be well." "No,"  
says his friend, "I have lost my breath  
already; each wave that strikes us knocks  
it from my body. If you reach the shore,  
and God grant you may, tell my wife  
I remembered her as I died. Good-by,  
God bless you!" and he is gone. There is  
nothing his companion can do for him.  
For himself, all he can do is to swim, and  
then float and rest himself, and breathe;  
to swim again, and then float and rest  
again—hour after hour, to swim and float  
with that steady, calm determination that  
he will go home; that no blinding spray  
shall strike him, and no despair weaken  
him—hour after hour, till at last the palm  
trees show distinct upon the shore, and  
then the last reefs, and then the figures of  
animals. Well, one never felt bottom!  
Yes, at last his foot touches the coral, and  
with that touch he is safe.

That story that man told me. Now,  
what is the difference between those two  
men? Why don't you give up the contest  
at once, and resign yourself to what people  
call his fate, while the other fights the cir-  
cumstances for hours and wins the battle?  
On shipboard one was as strong as the  
other. He was as brave. He was as pre-  
sident as the other. "What if he was?"  
you say. Strength and bravery and pre-  
sidence were all needed in the crisis; but  
something else was needed also. The man  
had never learned himself to swim. If  
knowing a method were of much use,  
where would he have not trained himself to  
the habit. But that training he had never  
gained. Take that as a precise illustration,  
where nobody questions the answer, of the  
difference—right in two men merely by  
exercise, or the steadiness of training. In  
matters like this, of pure bodily exercise,  
everybody sees and owns its work and its  
result.—E. E. Hale, in *Quid and New*.

Sir Bartle Frere recommends the British  
Government to send another expedi-  
tion to explore the Arctic seas.

## BIBLE AND BARBARISM.

Speaking of the effort to restore the use  
of the rod in our public schools, the *Chri-  
stian Intelligencer* says:  
"We earnestly trust it will not succeed  
in restoring that relic of barbarism."  
When we read this remark we asked  
ourselves, What does the *Bible* say? and  
then recalled such words as these:  
"The rod is for the back of him that is  
void of understanding."  
"A whip for the horse, a bridle for the  
ass, and a rod for the fool's back."  
"Foolishness is bound up in the heart  
of a child, but the rod of correction shall  
drive it far from him."  
"Withhold not correction from the child,  
for if thou beatest him with the rod he  
shall not die. Thou shalt deliver his soul  
from hell."

"The rod and reproof give wisdom."  
Without going into the argument as to  
the expediency of the rod in schools, we  
are concerned only to know how that can  
be a "relic of barbarism" which the wis-  
dom of God recommends. It will not help  
us to be told that the inspired writer was  
speaking of the rod in school, for as  
schools are not common in barbarism, it is  
certain that the rod was not in use in  
schools where no schools were. So we are  
left to the conclusion that the use of the  
rod, in the government and instruction of  
children, is, in the judgment of our re-  
spected neighbors, "a relic of barbarism."

But with the disciples of Christ, the  
Son of God, whose religion is taught in  
the Bible, and whose essential article of  
faith is that the Bible is an infallible rule  
of faith and practice, there is an end to all  
controversy when the explicit instructions  
of the Bible are understood.

It is not the teaching of wisdom in this  
Book of Infinite Wisdom that children  
shall be cruelly treated, or punished with-  
out judgment or that moral action, re-  
proof, forbearance and love should not be  
employed in the discipline of the young.  
But God does say, "He that smiteth the  
rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him  
chasteneth him betimes." And there is  
not a clearer principle in the whole current  
of Scripture than that punishment for  
wrong doing is the fruit of the tenderest  
love, and to let the rod go unwisely  
of justice is the height of cruelty.

Punishment acts two ways. It is a good  
to the disobedient and lawless, and it  
maintains the majesty of the law, so as to  
deter others from becoming criminals.  
Take away penalty, and law is useless.  
We are not now here arguing for the  
rod, but for the wisdom of the parent and  
the best of teachers. And the fact that  
twelve hundred teachers of the  
public schools in our city have put their  
names to a paper saying that, in their judg-  
ment, they should be allowed to enforce  
order by the use of the rod when necessary,  
is an argument from experience that is  
inarguable with the wisdom of God, whose  
foolishness is wiser than men."

## UNKNOWN PLACES.

Chief Justice Daly, in his annual address  
before the American Geographical Society,  
in referring to the work yet to be done by  
geographical societies, says: "There are  
now great highways along the ocean to be  
tracked or great continents to be  
discovered, but there is yet one-seventh part  
of the globe of which we know nothing  
except by conjecture. The region  
which surrounds the South Pole, the An-  
tarctic, covers an area of 7,000,000 square  
miles. The Arctic measures nearly 8,000,  
000. The unexplored portion of Africa  
may be put down at least at 1,000,000. The  
unknown part of Australia is certainly  
more than two-thirds of that amount, and  
in this connection I may draw attention to  
the great islands of the East Indian Archi-  
pelago, stretching from the north-east  
corner of Asia to New Zealand, occupying  
the most favored part of the earth, and  
which have in extent the magnitude of a  
continent. One of this great group, Borneo,  
is considered the second largest  
island on the globe. A strip along the  
coast of about 100 miles deep represents  
what we know of it; the interior and the  
larger portion remains unknown. Papua,  
or New Guinea is as large or may even be  
larger than Borneo. What do we know of  
it? Comparatively nothing. Sumatra is  
1,000 miles in length, and Celebes and Lu-  
zon are inferior only to Sumatra, and there  
are in addition numerous islands of con-  
siderable size, some as large as Ceylon, and  
thousands of minute islands, many abounding  
in spices and mineral ores. It was  
with the view of drawing public attention  
to the importance of obtaining more exact  
geographical knowledge of the planet we  
inhabited that the first geographical society  
was formed in Great Britain 43 years ago,  
and that the stimulus which such a body  
can give to such an inquiry is very great  
and the results it can produce extensive is  
seen in the fact that there are now 33 of  
these societies distributed over the globe,  
in England, France, Holland, Belgium,  
Italy, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Russia,  
India, the United States, Mexico, Brazil,  
and Buenos Ayres. It is only very large  
societies—like the Royal Geographical  
Society in London, which has now 2,700  
members, paying £3 each annually, and  
has in addition a permanent fund of over  
£100,000 and a stipend from government,  
making its annual income over \$30,000, or  
the Imperial Russian Geographical Society,  
which is munificently supported by the  
government—that can engage in and de-  
fray the expense of explorations in the  
unknown parts of the earth."—*Overseer*.

Mr. John G. Sax, our well-known Amer-  
ican poet, sent the following epigram in  
reply to an invitation to address a temper-  
ance convention:

"You have heard of the snake in the grass my  
boy—  
Of the terrible snake in the grass;  
But now you must know,  
Man's deadliest foe  
Is a snake of a different class.  
'Tis the venomous snake in the glass."

**COMPARATIVE PRICES OF PRODUCE.**—A  
table of comparative prices at New York  
on the first of January, for five years past,  
appears in the *Journal of Commerce*, from  
which we make the following abstracts:

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Wheat, \$1.30	\$1.43	\$1.50	\$1.57	\$1.67	\$1.65
Rye, 1.02	.93	.91	.93	1.00	1.00
Corn, 1.10	.85	.85	.85	.85	.85
Barley, .85	1.00	1.00	1.13	1.00	1.00
Hay, .25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25
Pork, .20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Butter, .20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Cheddar, .20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20
Wool, .51	.48	.50	.50	.50	.50

From the same table we calculate the av-  
erage prices, Jan. 1, for eleven years, 1863-  
73 inclusive, as follows: Wheat, \$1.50,  
now \$1.65; rye \$1.18, now \$1.00; corn, \$1.04,  
now \$1.00; hay, \$1.13 per 100, now \$1;  
butter, 30 cents, now 35 cents; cheese, a  
fraction over 100 cents, now 140 cents.

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